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FROM SIKESTON.

Mr. Maberry, died at his home near Sikeston last Thursday after a short illness.

Rev. Brandt, of Charleston, came over Sunday and preached an excellent sermon at the Catholic church Sunday evening and Monday morning.

Mrs. Ed. P. Crowe, formerly of this place but now of Wheatley, Ark., is visiting her mother and relatives, and remain with friends for a few weeks.

Jack Simmons, of White Springs, is visiting with his many friends here this week, and looks as though White Springs agrees with him.

Frank Smith has resigned his position as book-keeper with Sikes, Tanner & Co., and intends to farm this year.

Alfred Moore has accepted a position with Sikes, Tanner & Co., as book-keeper.

Sheriff Batts was in town last Saturday on business we presume.

Rev. Dawson, of this place, and a pastor of Kennett, Mo., commenced a two month's meeting at the Baptist church last week. Great good is anticipated.

It is nearing Valentine's day and you may look for one of our choice selections.

G. P. McCoy and Nacy Hinton are very busy putting up ice, and are preparing for the hot days of next summer and the cool drinks for our thirsty thirst.

J. H. Shelby has been over in Kentucky, looking for James Perkins.

According to announcement the D. D. club met on Saturday evening.

Previous to the meeting the president had passed the word quietly among the gang that he had struck it rich in his search for a new member, and that all should do without supper so as to be prepared for the reception of a double initiation fee. Various members urged the president to give the "snap" away, but he refused any information—except that he was a young business man from Morley. However, at 10:59 the gavel sounded and twelve cans of oysters were ordered and the new member placed on the center table for general inspection. He was an innocent looking youth and had the appearance of having been raised on railroad bonds and gold certificates. His pants were a little worn at the knees, but that was probably the result of close attention to divine worship. At this hour the oysters had disappeared, and the dealer began to make some inquiry as to who was financially responsible for the evening's festivities. All eyes centered upon the Morley man—but he didn't catch on. The president found it necessary to explain the rules to our distinguished visitor, and that said rules and regulations provided that all new members must pay, as initiation fee, for oysters for the assembly. Here the Morley man fainted. The gang took advantage of the situation and hurriedly searched him—but nothing could be found on his person except some dry watermelon seeds and a stock certificate in a cannery. At this stage of the game a stranger happened along, the president borrowed five dollars, paid the bill and the club adjourned. ALRO.

Masquerade Ball at Oran.

If the weather clerk does not interfere, the masquerade ball in Ashley's hall, next Thursday evening will be an affair of splendor. Oran is already noted for its famous balls, and the masquerade is something a little out of the ordinary, consequently a large gathering may be expected. All should mask who can conveniently do so, and help to swell the grandeur of the occasion. The supper will be served at the Commercial Hotel, and everybody knows that Mrs. Dirabarger stands head for first-class suppers.

Important Notice.

All parties indebted to the firm of Heisserer & Miller are hereby notified to settle at once.

Respectfully,
HEISSERER & MILLER.
Benton, Mo., January 25, 1895.

FROM ORAN.

Rufus Finley, of St. Louis, is here visiting relatives.

James Trimble is very low with consumption.

John Handy, of Sikeston, spent several days here last week.

Major Anderson, the great drummer representing the Merrill Drug Co., of St. Louis, was here several days this week. The major never gets in a hurry.

Rev. Bogard says "the moral man wields a worse influence than the drunkard, the liar, the thief or even a murderer." If this is true, morality is at a discount. However, if we had our choice we would rather be a moral man than any of the others.

"Tulus" Nutt, Elmer Allman, Jennie Clemson, Pete Spradlin and Mrs. Andrew Metz were among the new converts to the Baptist faith and church last week.

Rev. North filled his appointments here last Saturday and Sunday. We wonder if this has anything to do with the cold weather.

Miss Estelle Query returned from Delta Monday. She has been visiting Miss Lou Query of that place.

Rev. Bogard will preach here this week and probably next. There is a good interest taken in the meeting at this writing.

Mr. Parker, of Kentucky, the gentleman who, rumor said, would open up a shoe store in Oran, is here.

Miss Georgia Nichols, Mrs. Harry Miller and a Mr. Long united with the Baptist church Tuesday night.

The meeting is booming notwithstanding the bad weather.

There is considerable agitation among our citizens over the disorderly conduct of drinking men every Saturday evening. Some contend it is because our marshal neglects his duty, others blame the saloon keepers and others the town board. The matter is being looked into and the true cause we hope will be found, and the matter adjusted. The town board had a meeting of inquiry Tuesday night but Mayor Wm. Stubblefield being absent nothing was done.

The Blodgett correspondent was here last week to have some dental work done. He says his "halo" is not exactly in trim—bags too much on one side; the same side on which is the aching tooth. He and the Rev. Bogard differ as to what they think of the "moral man." In fact we have heard several opinions not in accord with Rev. Bogard's.

The ten commandments are moral laws, but the man who tries to keep only a part of them is a very bad man. In fact, morality without religion is the worst thing a man can have so Rev. Bogard thinks, and he has the scriptures to back him up in his theory.

Some Frenchman, or a fellow of some other nationality, threw a bottle through our window Tuesday night, breaking a pane of glass. Much obliged young man.

Rev. Bogard is taking like wild fire here, and a good revival is likely to result.

The continued cold weather has made fuel scarce and high. UNO.

Constable English Appointed.

Constable English, of Tywappity township, was re-elected last November—he being the Democratic nominee. Mr. English had made a good officer, and did not consider that it was a matter of material importance to file his bond within the time prescribed by law, and so neglected it.

But there are always people ready to take advantage of technicalities—and this case was no exception. A petition was quietly circulated in that neighborhood for the appointment of Jas. Wilson, Jr., as constable of Tywappity township. Mr. Wilson, we understand, was Mr. English's opponent in the primary. However, the friends of Mr. English "caught on," and a petition was circulated in his favor.

Both petitions were before the county court last Wednesday. After careful examination the court discovered that Mr. English had the longest pole, so they declared that he was entitled to the position—and he is still constable of Tywappity township.

FROM COMMERCE.

We are waiting, not for the wagon but for a steamboat. My kingdom for a steamboat. No steamer since 'way last year. Some people in the county do not expect to see a boat more than once or twice a year, but Commerce people are not satisfied unless a steamer comes every day.

We cannot do any farm work this sort of weather, but we can watch and see what they are trying to do in the legislature. From latest accounts they were fixing up some rules to govern the game of base ball. One of the rules, as I understand it, is to the effect that no game shall be played until after church services, so that the younger members can enjoy themselves on Sunday, and if they do not fully enjoy themselves at church then they can take a tilt at baseball. Again, the young ladies all go to church and the young men don't, and the afternoon game can be seen by the young ladies. The prevailing idea seems to be that people of all conditions want amusements of some kind. A country lad may derive a great deal of pleasure from digging a coon out of a hollow tree, while his city brother can find nothing more fascinating than a game of craps. It is a troublesome thing for a legislature to frame a Sunday law to suit all classes and conditions.

There are too many people who think a great deal of legislation necessary to keep them straight, while some of our best citizens need but very little.

Moses Heuchan has returned from Tennessee, where he has been visiting his sister.

Ed. Johnson is putting up ice. The oldest inhabitant has no recollection of seeing so much fine skating ice.

Some of our young ladies are getting to be first-class skaters.

Ramey Anderson visited Cairo this week.

Some of our boys skated down to Beaver Dam Rock, about two miles below, and found inscriptions carved on it as far back as 1845.

Dr. Hokensmith, the specialist, together with the show people, left here for Kelso last week. They expect to return soon.

J. T. Anderson visited Morley last Wednesday.

Captain Ward L. Smith was here this week.

Jas. P. Ramey was here the first of the week. VERITAS.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Peter Bosen and Louis Hahn were at the Cape last week.

Anton Kotter, of the Cape, agent for the Litchfield Manufacturing Co., of Webster City, Iowa, spent Friday with Geo. Gerst at this place.

Prof. D. W. Sullivan, of the Schererville district, was at Benton Saturday.

Frank Blas visited his mother at Kelso Sunday.

Rev. A. Koeb, of Oran, visited Father Scherer last week.

Crit. Burton is assisting Mr. Gaines at the store here.

Grandpa Heisserer, living in the north end of town, is sick with pneumonia.

Several Benton boys, whose names we were unable to learn—but one of 'em was the Ngwssboy's devil—were here Sunday.

George Gerst, Uncle Sam's faithful servant, thinks the cold snap is hard on the mail carriers.

The creamery put up a snug amount of ice Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

John P. Westrich visited Benton Tuesday.

Sleighting has been in full progress for the last week, the charming chink, ching, jingle, jingle, seems to be out of style in this part of the State.

Mr. Koch, the Oran baker, was in town Saturday.

G. G. Wright, of Kelso, gave Hamburg a call Sunday afternoon.

Dr. G. Scholz was at Oran Friday attending to business in the medical profession.

W. H. Heisserer, of Benton, passed through town Monday.

Frank Blas was at Oran Tuesday making a shipment of butter. K.

Raise Fruit on the Hill Sides.

The upper portion of Scott county is rather broken, and it is only with great care that the farmers keep their land in a suitable condition for cultivation. Neglect would soon cause washes on many of the farms. While most of the land is fertile and produces the very best results, yet there is a class of land that is regarded as inferior which contains, in a large measure, the elements which the apple tree requires, and which by good care will pay well if set with apple trees. An exchange in alluding to this matter says that what to do with the land that will not bring more than \$5 to \$10 per acre has been a problem to many farmers, for generally such land is almost worthless for most crops. Located upon hill sides, or in exposed places where the soil is poor there seems to be no use or demand for it. But in the last quarter of a century a great deal of this land in the northern belt of states has been turned into apple orchards, which have been paying from \$15 to \$75 per acre annually, a profit that would be considered satisfactory by any farmer. The orchards have been well taken care of, and have demonstrated what can be done. Instead of allowing the land to remain idle, the owners planted orchards on it and then carefully cultivated them. Today the land is worth considerably more than it was.

He Lives in God's Country.

Along with the blizzard last Tuesday came George Chrismon, of Tywappity township. George is always entertaining and he spent an hour in the Newsboy office telling about the good qualities of the people in Tywappity bottom. "We are all good people," said George, "we don't have to look up anything down there. Our people are all honest, and you can lay anything down anywhere and no one will bother it. I tell you we live in God's own country."

The editor agreed that the people of Tywappity were all good, honest citizens, and that he knew of none down there except good people.

"I tell you, Phil," George went on, "they can't help but be good people if they stay down there. Even if they are a little wrong when they come, their associates are such as will make them all right in a very short time."

Here the editor smiled and George went on to tell about how he gets a barbed wire fence between himself and John Harness when he makes inquiries concerning the kitchen cabinet business.

George is a jolly good fellow and we are always pleased to have such callers. For many years he has been a successful farmer, but is now devoting his time to the sewing machine business.

The Jail Filling Up.

Last Saturday Constable Boston and Marshal Proctor, of Morley, brought E. F. Livsey and A. J. Irvin to Benton jail. About the first of January the restaurant of Thos. Bynum, of Morley, was burglarized and canned goods, tobacco, cigars, candy, etc., to the amount of about thirty dollars taken therefrom. Suspicion pointed to these parties, but not until last Saturday were the goods found. In the old Frobose mill shed, which is being used as a stable the goods were found by the constable—buried in the manure. As Livsey and Irvin occupied the premises they were arrested and brought to Benton for safe keeping.

They were bound over by Squire Halley Thursday.

At Public Auction.

I will sell, at my place of business, in New Hamburg, to the highest bidder, on

THURSDAY, February 14, 1895, All my personal property, consisting of 20 hogs, 2 brood sows with pigs, 1 cow, 1 mare, a lot of hay and corn, the contents of my store, restaurant and butcher shop, household and kitchen furniture.

TERMS:—Sums of \$5 and under, Cash; over \$5, a credit of 8 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security, bearing 8 per cent. interest. If paid at maturity, no interest will be charged.

JOSEPH GRISNER.

FROM KELSO.

J. T. Harris visited Benton and Oran Wednesday.

Several of our young nimrods were out hunting Saturday and now lay awake at night dreaming about the game they did not kill.

A child of Rev. Pierson is reported to be dangerously ill with pneumonia. What is the matter with the mail between here and Benton? Benton is our county seat, and yet we are unable to communicate with that town. This matter should be looked into at once. SCHOOLBOY.

More About the Kelso Route.

MORLEY, Mo., February 5.

EDITOR NEWSBOY:—In reply to the letter of the Kelso postmaster, published in your last issue, will say that Morley office has never reported Kelso mail returned, but will say that the Railway Mail Service on the Iron Mountain Ry. says that Cape Girardeau refused to accept Kelso mail, and so gave it to this office, which we refused, as we cannot dispose of it—there being no route from here to Kelso.

J. W. PARROTT,
Assistant P. M.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.

EDITOR NEWSBOY:—In your issue of the 2d inst. I see the post master at Kelso complains of the difficulty of receiving mail from Benton. It was on the petition of the postmaster and other prominent citizens of Kelso that the mail route from Benton to Kelso was discontinued and the present route substituted.

M. ARNOLD.

And so the mess stands, and it seems difficult to locate the trouble. In the mean time we have no mail facilities between here and Kelso, and the matter should be set right. The old route was far preferable to the present system, and we understand that the Kelso people are anxious for a return to the direct route. We hope that Mr. Arnold will do something—if it is in his power—to help us out of the scrape. The Kelso people take their text from the Newsboy and they cannot afford to have it delayed.

Farmers Should Feel Good.

Indications are that the coming season will be a profitable one to the farmer. It is well known that after severe cold winters the harvest is rich. The severe frozes of the ground is of great benefit and improves its condition. Cold weather and a late spring is particularly beneficial to fruit. It holds the fruit buds back until there is no danger from frost. Let our farmers put their shoulders to the wheel and pull themselves out of the big hole they are in the coming season. With a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether they can do it.

County Court Hard at Work.

Last Monday the newly elected county court met and began to wade into the affairs of the county. They have much work before them, and it is not believed that they will get through this week. Up to Thursday evening they were kept busy making allowances and examining the petitions of road overseers and saloon keepers. Their unbiased method of doing business has caused considerable favorable comment. A full account of their proceedings will appear next week.

Following road overseers were appointed Thursday: 1st District, Lilburn Greer; 2d, Jake Taylor; 3d, Jas. R. Bugg; 4th, Verandy E. Cox; 5th, F. D. Withrow; 6th, Wm. M. Jeffords; 7th, Max Ostner; 8th, N. F. Townes; 10th, F. N. Reeves; 11th, James P. Norrid; 12th, W. A. Miller; 13th, Henry Head; 14th, W. R. Beardsley; 15th, R. C. Swan; 16th, Casper Eifert; 17th, Jos. Geisner.

For School Commissioner.

N. L. Attwood, of Morley township, authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for School Commissioner of Scott county—subject to the will of the people at the school elections in April.

Mr. Attwood has been a successful teacher in the county for the past five years, and is a graduate of the teachers' course of the Southwestern University of Princeton, Ind. He has many friends and, if elected, he will no doubt, do his duty.

Caught by a Train.

J. L. Holloway living near Sikeston, was run into by a west bound train Saturday afternoon says the Poplar Bluff Citizen. Holloway's team became unmanageable and ran away with him crossing the railroad track just in time for the train to catch the wagon just in front of the hind wheels. The wagon bed was knocked off and no damage done it, but the gears were completely demolished. Mr. Holloway hung to the lines and the horses carried him out of danger from the locomotive hence the only injuries he sustained was from his fall to the ground from the wagon which skinned his arm, side and left limb.

Wrestling With a Saloon Petition.

A big fight is on in the county court over a saloon petition from Sikeston, in favor of John Kaiser. Harry C. O'Bryan is here to oppose the petition while F. M. Moore is defending it. There seems to be no question as to the petition containing the required number of signatures, but the wrangle seems to be on technicalities in the form. Technicalities take up a great deal of time and seldom amount to anything.

Special Notice.

All parties indebted to me are hereby requested to call and settle at once.

JOSEPH GRISNER.
New Hamburg, Mo., Feb. 8, 1895.

WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

Cape Democrat: Albert DeReign, the representative in the Legislature from Scott county, is one of the boys. He does not believe in the old puttan laws. He voted against the Sunday baseball bill. Mr. DeReign believes in personal liberty to its fullest extent.

Perryville Sun: Two Brooklyn women have been arrested for throwing stones at street cars. Huh! The defense is simple. They must have been throwing at something else if they hit the cars. Who ever saw a women hit anything she aimed at?

O. C. Burton went to New Hamburg Sunday, where he will assist in invoicing the stock of George Wright before the arrival of spring goods. From New Hamburg he will go to Kelso to assist in the store while Mr. Wright buys his spring stock. Crit. is a wholesome fellow and we wish him success.

The first horse and jack bills of the season were printed at the Newsboy office for Adolph Rahm, of Cross Plains. Horsemen should bear in mind that this office is the only place in the county where first-class work can be obtained.

While the rest of the world has been wrestling with financial difficulties, Benton has kept right on doing business at the old stand. Not a single business failure has been recorded during the entire panic period.

Last Saturday was ground-hog's day, and if he stuck his head out at any time between 7 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m., he certainly jumped back with the cold chills running down his back.

The Wade building, occupied by Mrs. Holder, at the edge of Benton, was discovered on fire Thursday, but prompt action by passers-by saved the building.

James Smith, of Charleston, is in Benton with a car-load of mules and mares for sale, and will remain over Monday.

It is not always necessary to go to Hot Springs to get in hot water. A married man sometimes gets in it at home.

Martin Jackson and Rosa Sanders, of Oran, were married in Benton last Saturday—Rev. Fizer officiating.

Ice cream and soda water on tap at the Newsboy office. Come in and get cooled off.

Can't understand why people are not out making garden such weather as this.

Amos Stone, of Columbus, Ky., is visiting relative in Benton.

—As an old land mark, Uncle Tom Myers wears about as well as anyone of our acquaintance. He has never been sent to the factory to be replaced, but is always the same "Uncle Tom."

—A Sikeston miss got up a very elaborate dinner for her "feller." She was very much disappointed when she learned that he was a dipsotic and lived on brown bread and water.

—Henry Burkhardt, of Commerce; Andy Ward, of Blodgett, and John G. Scherer, of New Hamburg, formed a circle around the Newsboy stove Tuesday morning long enough to thaw out.

—Jos. Geisner and E. F. Gedelman, of New Hamburg, were on our streets Tuesday. Mr. Geisner will move to Oran soon, where he will engage in the restaurant business.

—Alfa Lee, the little 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Welch, died last Tuesday morning. Her remains were taken to Marble Hill for burial Wednesday.

—A bouncing boy was born to the wife of Henry Norrid Sunday morning. Mother and child are getting along nicely, and Henry's condition is not at all alarming.

—When a woman is young her voice is low and musical like the tones of a flute, but after she has a husband and children she can lay the auctioneer in the shade.

—It is not all a woman's fault when she stops dressing up pretty when her husband comes home. Maybe he stopped noticing how nice she looked.

—There is a fortune in it for someone who will invent an alarm clock that will awaken only the one who wants to get up, and not everyone in the house.

—The Newsboy has a dim suspicion that the pulpit affords a shallow minded man a large variety of opportunities to expose his ignorance.

—Whit Dodge brought the news to Benton Monday that the river was blocked at Commerce and that the mail was being carried across afoot.

—Some of our Scott county people would like to own the earth—and yet they are unwilling to pay taxes on what they do own.

—J. F. Watkins, of Diehlstadt, was here Wednesday. He seemed a little interested in the constable's race.

—Some women talk of owing other women a call the same way that men say they owe someone else a grudge.

—Men who imagine that they are thoroughbreds discover, finally, that they are only plain work animals.

—A row of shade trees will be put out on the south side of the Newsboy building in the spring.

—A woman never quits lecturing a man after she finds out that he will listen to her.

—Hall & Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive street, St. Louis.

—J. R. Bugg, of Morley, was in to see us Tuesday and said he wanted the county news.

—There seems to be no one so hard to discourage as the person who can't sing.

—Ed. Hamilton, of Marmaduke, Ark., was in Benton Tuesday.

—Uncle Thos. Myers, Chas. Vaughn and Ab. Wright were here Tuesday.

—A daughter was born to the wife of George Meir Wednesday night.

—F. M. Moore, of Sikeston, was here attending court this week.

—Murray Campbell, of Commerce; paid us a pleasant visit Tuesday.

—Caleb Matthews had business with the county court Monday.

—Ed. Rowe, of Charleston, was here the first of the week.

—School Commissioner Atchison was in Benton Saturday.

—J. B. Church was among our visitors Tuesday.

—Poplar Bluff had another storm last week.

—"Kid" Shields is now on a barber.